

SETS SENIOR LEADER ACTION PLAN

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CATEGORY: Fragile First Two Weeks

ISSUE #2: Smooth Transition During the First Two Weeks of Enrollment

SCOPE: The first two weeks in an unfamiliar high school are especially challenging for the transitioning student. Students new to the high school need clear and correct information, opportunity to be accepted, appropriate support systems, an organized transition and placement process, and understanding adults.

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION: Caring adults, who understand the challenges faced by militantly students, make a difference. Processes such as beginning of the year and on-going orientation, information updates, student-to-student sponsorship programs establish a culture that is accepting and welcoming to new students as the students go through the process of "fitting in".

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS & ACTIONS:

MILESTONES

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| 1. At the installation level and in the neighborhoods conduct student orientation/information fairs prior to the opening of school. School personnel should go to the installation to conduct orientation/information sessions. Students should have the opportunity to meet counselors. | Less than 1 year |
| 2. New "student sponsorship" programs at the high schools are coordinated with class and lunch schedules. | Less than 1 year |
| 3. Encourage volunteers in the high schools who are associated with the military to identify the student(s) who may be having adjustment problems & follow-up with counselors. | Less than 1 year |
| 4. Encourage and support schools in establishing a high school organization whose agenda it is to greet & assist "new students" through the transition period. | Less than 1 year |

RESOURCES:

Commitment of all parties

FOLLOW-UP:

Annual Military Child Education Coalition Conference (MCEC)

STATUS RECOMMENDATION: Active**LEAD AGENCIES:**

1. Installation School Fair—Installation Commander & School Superintendent
2. New Student Sponsorship— School Districts
3. Volunteer Counselor Assistants—Installation Commander & School Districts
4. Greeting & Student Support Organization—School District, High School

SUPPORT AGENCY:

MCEC

APPROVED BY:**ACTION OFFICER:**